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# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-NINTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

## Second report of the General Committee

1. At its 2nd meeting, on 21 September 1994, the General Committee had decided (A/49/250, para. 45 (a) (viii)) to defer its recommendation to the General Assembly on the allocation of agenda item 152 (Observer status for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the General Assembly) to a later date. At its 3rd meeting, on 13 October 1994, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 152 should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that no further question, beyond item 151 (Observer status for the South Pacific Forum in the General Assembly) and item 152, on the granting of observer status in the General Assembly to applicants other than intergovernmental organizations would be considered until criteria for the granting of such observer status have been established.

2. At its 2nd meeting, the General Committee had also decided (A/49/250, para. 45 (d) (i)) to defer consideration of the allocation of agenda item 92 (Agenda for development) as a whole to a later date. At its 3rd meeting, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, pursuant to resolution 48/166 of 21 December 1993, item 92 should be considered in special plenary meetings at a high level and that subsequent negotiation under the item would take place in the Second Committee.

3. At its third meeting, the General Committee, in the light of a recommendation contained in a letter dated 4 October 1994 from the Chairman of the Second Committee to the President of the General Assembly (A/49/483), decided to recommend to the Assembly that the debate on agenda item 89 (d) (Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa) should be held in plenary meeting, on the understanding that action would be taken in the Second Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the General Committee, in the light of a recommendation contained in a letter dated 7 October 1994 from the Chairman of the Second Committee to the President of the General Assembly (A/49/494), decided to recommend to the Assembly that the debate on agenda item 89 (e) (Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) should be held in plenary meeting, on the understanding that action would be taken in the Second Committee.

5. Also at the same meeting, the General Committee considered a request submitted by Afghanistan (A/49/232) for the inclusion of an additional sub-item under item 37 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) entitled:

"Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan."

6. In this connection, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item:

(a) Should be included as sub-item (e) of agenda item 37;

(b) Should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

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